

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 37, a measure that will limit the usage of performance enhancing substances by high school athletes that could pose a health threat or create an unfair competitive advantage.

Although the bill does not require high school coaches to complete a training program on the harmful effects of steroids and performance enhancing dietary supplements by adolescents until December 2008, I included \$500,000 in my May Revision budget for the purpose of training these coaches. The Legislature chose to reject the funding for this proposal and those dollars were not included in the final 2005 Budget Act. I had encouraged Senator Speier to work with her colleagues in the Legislature to maintain the funding as proposed, but she was unable to secure funding. As such, the cost of this mandate on coaches will have to be borne by the school districts or the coaches themselves.

In my next budget, I will again propose to appropriate \$500,000 to fund the coaches training to accomplish the worthy goals of this bill. Historically, it has been clear that unfunded programs never accomplish the goals that are intended. Therefore, I am hoping that Senator Speier will continue her efforts to secure funding for this program next year.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger